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| 1. | This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to. | | | | |
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| Office A | Action dated April 23 | 3, 2004. | 4 | | |
| 2. | Applicant is | a small entity; 🔀 | other than a small entity. | | |
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AMENDMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this рарет.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.